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FINAL EXAMINATION

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EMF4076 –ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE
(EE, TE& MCE)

16th MARCH 2018
3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
(2 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. This Question paper consists of 5 pages with 4 Questions only.
2. Attempt **ALL FOUR** questions.
3. Please print all your answers in the Answer Booklet provided.

Question 1

- (a) Define Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) and state the THREE (3) aspects that need to exist in order for EMI to take place.
[5 marks]
- (b) Briefly explain the TWO aspects of Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC): Emission and Susceptibility.
[4 marks]
- (c) Propose THREE methods to reduce capacitive coupling between parallel wires.
[3 marks]
- (d) Consider four parallel wires; three of which are signal leads (lead-1, lead-2 and lead-3) and the fourth one is a common signal return lead (lead-G). Two ac voltage sources V_{s1} and V_{s2} are applied across lead-1 to lead-G and across lead-2 to lead-G, respectively. Assume the series resistance in loop-1 and loop-2 are negligible, and the load resistance of loop-3 is arbitrarily large. Draw the lumped element circuit model for the inductive coupling components.
[6 marks]
- (e) A PCB trace with two traces is depicted as shown in Figure Q1(e). Trace 1 and 2 carries signal and the return is the ground plane. If Trace 1 is connected to input signal, derive the expression for the capacitively-coupled noise at Trace 2. Assume the termination impedance on all traces are high.
[7 marks]

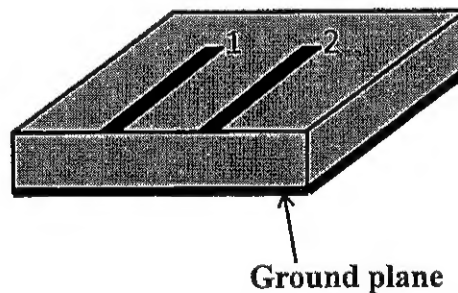


Figure Q1(e)

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Question 2

- (a) With the aid of appropriate diagrams, explain the differences between single-point and multi-point grounding schemes. Give the merits and demerits of each grounding system.

[8 marks]

- (b) Power line is as critical as ground in the propagation of noise in the electronic circuits.

- (i) With the aid of the transmission line model diagram, explain how transient wave propagates in the power line.

[5 marks]

- (ii) Illustrate with the aid of an equivalent circuit model, explain how power supply decoupling, using decoupling capacitors, can reduce this transient wave propagation.

[4 marks]

- (iii) Besides using decoupling capacitors, how can this transient wave propagation be reduced?

[2 marks]

- (c) For the circuit in Figure Q2(c), calculate the relative magnitude (in dB) of the ground noise coupled into the differential amplifier with respect to the signal voltage V_S when R_{in} is $390\text{ k}\Omega$.

[6 marks]

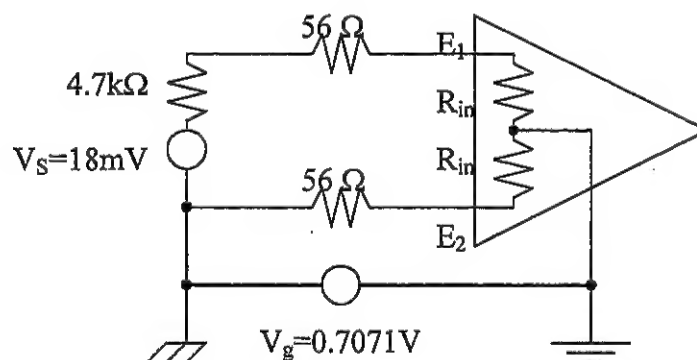


Figure Q2(c)

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Question 3

- (a) Describe FOUR (4) steps to minimize the radiation due to current loop. [6 marks]
- (b) Define skin depth and its relationship with frequency and material properties of shielded enclosure. [4 marks]
- (c) Overall shielding effectiveness of a shielding material is determined by THREE (3) main factors. List them. [3 marks]
- (d) A wire carrying a 0.5 mA current at 250 MHz is parallel to a ground plane, at a height of 1 cm. The length of the wire is 2 m. Estimate the electric field strength at a distance $r = 10$ m above the ground plane (with the antenna oriented parallel to the wire). Calculate the voltage in dB μ V that will be detected at the antenna terminals if the antenna factor is 12 dB.

[*Given the far-field expression for E-field due to a small current-loop of loop-area A , carrying a time varying current is $I_o e^{j\omega t}$ is: $|E_s| = 30 \frac{k^2 I_o A}{r}$ where k is the propagation constant.]

[12 marks]

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Question 4

- (a) Explain the significance of electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) regulations. State TWO standard making bodies for European EMC regulations.

[4 marks]

- (b) A product is tested for CISPR 22 Class B radiated emission as shown in the Figure Q4(b). The distance between the measurement antenna and the product is 10m. The spectrum analyzer is connected to the measurement antenna with a 20m coaxial cable that has a loss of 0.15dB/m at 100MHz. The antenna factor at 100MHz is 5dBm^{-1} . The CISPR 22 emission limit is tabulated in Table Q4(b).

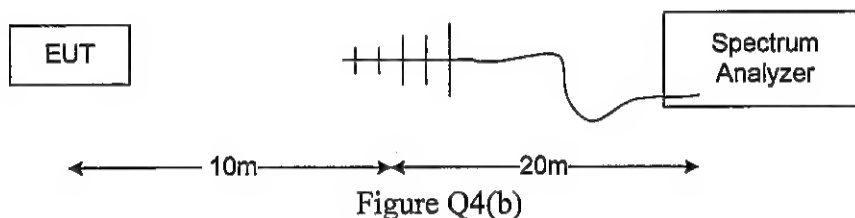


Table Q4(b)

CISPR Class B limit at 3m	
Frequency (MHz)	$\text{dB}\mu\text{V/m}$
30-230	40.5
230-1000	47.5

- (i) Determine the 10m radiated emission limit at 100MHz in $\text{dB}\mu\text{V/m}$. [2 marks]
- (ii) If the spectrum analyzer indicates a level of $24\text{dB}\mu\text{V}$ at 100MHz, determine the level of received electric field at the antenna. [4 marks]
- (iii) Determine whether the product will pass or fail the CISPR 22 Class B test, and by how much. [2 marks]
- (c) With the aid of diagram, describe the measurement procedure for radiated emission test. [13 marks]

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